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		Group Art Unit	1775
		Examiner Name	Stein, Stephen J.
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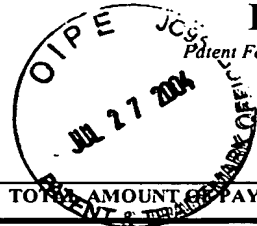
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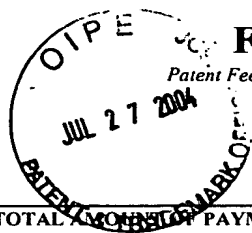
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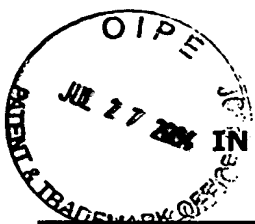
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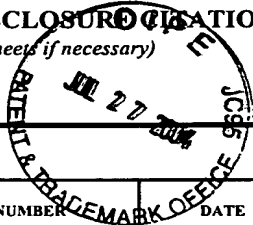
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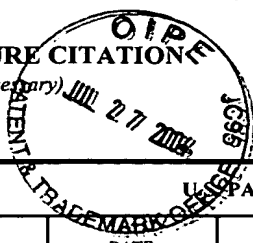

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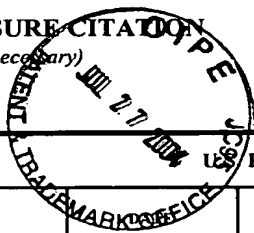

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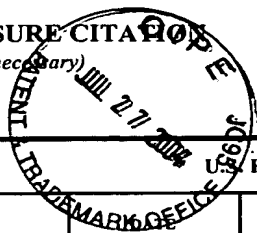

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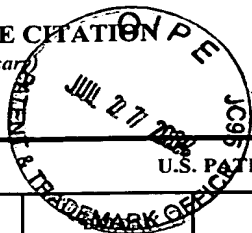
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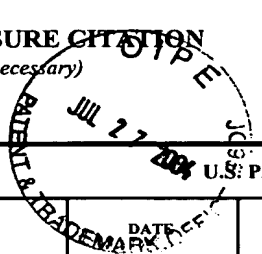
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